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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2
SUBJECT : Contact Report - AEKILO/2

1. On 7 July 1961, [] contacted AEKILO/2 for the purpose of debriefing him on REDSKIN leads and Latvian matters since their previous meeting in April 1961, as well as for the purpose of obtaining an identification of alleged photographs of [] [] an internal asset. The undersigned telephoned AEKILO/2 at 1030 hours as prearranged at his office, Committee for a Free Latvia, 29 W. 57th Street, New York 19, New York, Plaza 3-8570. Subject agreed to meet the undersigned in the lobby of the Hotel Victoria, 7th Avenue and 51st Street at 1100 hours. The meeting was held as scheduled in a hotel room.

2. AEKILO/2 turned over to the undersigned a copy of the May-June 1961 issue of Daugevas Vanagi, the Latvian Veterans Magazine; and two copies of Dzimtenes Balss (April), the Return to the Homeland publication.

3. The undersigned showed two photographs of [] [] to Subject, who immediately identified them. As further corroboration he showed the C/O a picture of young Latvian Army officers at a Military School taken in 1931 in which [] appears. The pronounced shock of dark hair and facial characteristics of [] in this 30-year old picture have not altered sharply in the ensuing years, from what is seen in photographs taken in 1960.

4. During the past year, Subject has been furnishing on his own volition a monthly report on Events in the Homeland (Attachment A). There has been some question as to whether or not this information was being produced by Subject or being taken from Radio Free Europe monthly reporting. When questioned about this matter, AEKILO/2 stated that monthly the Committee For a Free Latvia submits a report to the Free Europe Committee. This report consists of four parts:

Part I: Activities in the United States; Part II: Activities outside the United States; Part III: Events in the Free World; and Part IV: Events in the Homeland. A copy of the latter portion of this report is furnished to KUBARK. As Chairman of the Committee for a Free Latvia, AEKILO/2 has direct responsibility for preparation of the overall report. The Estonian and Lithuanian Committees produce similar monthly reports via KUTT and TRIMAKAS respectively.

5. In an effort to rectify a serious deficiency in the work of the Latvian desk, namely, the production of a monthly report on the Latvian press in the Free World and the press inside Latvia including REDSKIN leads such as currently being supplied to the Lithuanian and Estonian desks on their areas by their PA's, the undersigned undertook an exploratory conversation to see whether Subject and his assistant, [] who will be recruited for this purpose, could produce a similar report. Copies of the Lithuanian report were shown to AEKILO/2 who promised to study same and to present an estimate at the next meeting as to the time and money that might be involved. [] lacks the ability and time to produce a satisfactory report on the Latvian press equal to the calibre of reporting by the Lithuanian PA. Currently the Lithuanian PA allots approximately 30% of his time to producing his monthly press report which, based on a salary of \$7000 per annum, is \$2100. AEKILO/2 has heretofore received no regular payments for his work. It is contemplated to pay him \$200 per quarter for his production retroactive to the first quarter of the current calendar year. If [] is successfully recruited, the combined cost to KUBARK for the production of a monthly press report will not exceed \$2000 per annum. AEKILO/2 by reason of his chairmanship of the Committee for a Free Latvia plus responsibilities as Vice Chairman of Daugavas Vanagi, the Latvian Veterans' Organization, is too preoccupied to produce the report alone. The entire burden of this responsibility would hinder his value to the Latvian Desk and interfere with his work. [] is a former Latvian diplomat with an excellent command of writing in English. AEKILO/2 writes mostly in Latvian. As a team they would probably produce creditable results. AEKILO/2 is anxious to tackle the job on a trial basis. [] will be contacted, assessed and recruited, if possible, in early August. Following a successful recruitment AEKILO/2 will be revealed to []. At this time the Committee for a Free Latvia receives almost identical Soviet Latvian publications as being received by KUBARK. Thus the necessity of transmitting printed materials to AEKILO/2 would be eliminated.

6. In reply to the query from whom Subject recently received a copy of the 1961 Riga Telephone Directory, which he forwarded to KUBARK via [] AEKIL0/2 stated that it came from Leopold TALTHERS, Chairman of Daugavas Vanagi in Sweden, Residence: Astrakahngatan 65, Vallingby, Sweden. TALTHERS has contacts with Latvia, the nature of which are unknown at this time. RI traces will be run.

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